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Date: November 8, 2004

To: MTVA Mid-State and Freshman Honors Directors

From: Jeremy D. Jones

RE: Audition Instructions, Assignments, etc.

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Enclosed, you will find the schedule for your students' auditions for Freshman Honors and Mid-State choirs. Please check over your schedule carefully and verify that everything is correct. We have worked hard to be sure this is the case, but we may have missed something. Remember, a student cannot change their audition voice part that the director placed on the application form.

Please be sure to check the grade of each student. In many cases, grades were not supplied, so we had to make one up. However, we must get the correct information in the database so that the programs will be correct in the spring.

Please contact me immediately with your questions. The earlier a problem is brought to my attention, the more likely I can solve it to everyone's satisfaction.

Review the following items carefully for your information and a successful audition process:

- All judges will meet at **4:30 PM** at Ezell Harding Christian School on Friday, November 19, 2004. Directions to Ezell Harding are enclosed in this packet along with judging assignments and a sample adjudication sheet. This information is also posted on the MTVA web site, [www.mtva.org](http://www.mtva.org). Directions to the school are posted under the "Event Directions" on the left hand column of the web site. **Please note carefully if you are asked to provide a CD player.** Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to bring a CD player.
- We are up in numbers again this year; almost 1600 students during the two days, up from just over 1200 over the last two years. Please make every effort to stay on schedule. Breaks have been scheduled for each room throughout the audition. A lunch break is also scheduled for Saturday. Rooms finish at various times throughout the day on Saturday, with the last one scheduled to finish shortly around 5:00 PM. Results will be posted and packets will be available around 7:30 PM if all goes well. Any packets not picked up will be mailed to your school on the following Monday.
- Note that Saturday's auditions begin at **8:00 AM**. Judges will need to be at the site at **7:30 AM** to ensure an efficient start.

- Every attempt was made to accommodate all special requests. There were over 150 different requests this year. Please do not “reschedule” on your own as it creates problems and slows the audition process.
- In order for the audition process to go smoothly, students should “check in” with the registration table to ensure their scores are matched correctly with their name both at the audition room and in the scoring room. When this does not occur, it delays the scoring process for everyone. **PLEASE communicate this to your students!**
- Students need to be present on site in enough time to warm up and locate their audition room. At least 45 minutes is recommended.

Thank you for all you do in your classrooms each day. Thank you for sharing music with your students and helping them learn to share it with others. You are appreciated for your hard work and dedication. Please contact me with comments or concerns at [jonesje@rcs.k12.tn.us](mailto:jonesje@rcs.k12.tn.us), or 615-890-6450 ext. 23543.

Sincerely,

Jeremy D. Jones  
All-State Chair  
Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

**Directions to Ezell Harding Christian School**  
**574 Bell Rd. Antioch, TN 37013**  
**School Phone # 367-2045**  
**All-Region Auditions**  
**November 19-20**

**From the North**

Take I-65 South (toward Nashville)  
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 86 on the left toward Chattanooga/Knoxville/I-40 E  
Take the Bell Rd Exit off of I-24 (EXIT #59)  
Turn left onto Bell Rd.  
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24

**From the West**

Take I-40 East (toward Nashville)  
Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward Knoxville  
Merge onto I-24 E toward Chattanooga  
Take the Bell Rd Exit off of I-24 (EXIT #59)  
Turn left onto Bell Rd.  
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24

**From the East**

Take I-40 West (toward Nashville)  
Take the Donelson Pike exit (EXIT 216) TOWARD the airport  
Turn left onto Donelson Pike  
Turn left onto Murfreesboro Pike  
Turn right onto Bell Rd.  
The school will be about ¼ mile on the left

**From the South**

I-65  
Take I-65 North (toward Nashville)  
Take EXIT 74-A (this is Old Hickory Blvd., which becomes Bell Rd)  
The school will be 9-10 miles on the right

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Take I-24 West (toward Nashville)  
Take the Bell Rd. exit (EXIT #59)  
Turn right onto Bell Rd.  
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24